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SEN. PEACOCK NAMED CHAIRMAN OF SENATE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

WILL ALSO SERVE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEES

District 37 State Senator Barrow Peacock (R-Shreveport – Bossier City) is taking on new responsibilities in the Louisiana Senate. Sen. Peacock, who officially began his second term in the Senate this month, will serve as chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement. Senate President John Alario, Jr. appointed Peacock to the leadership post.

"Having served as a member of the retirement committee for the past four years, I have a keen understanding of the issues facing us with our retirement systems," Sen. Peacock said. "As chairman, I want to make sure that we have the tools in place to ensure the soundness of all of our retirement systems and to secure the benefits owed to public employees. We must be good stewards of the taxpayer money invested in the retirement systems to protect taxpayers and employees alike."

The Senate Committee on Retirement considers legislation impacting statewide retirement systems and systems supported in whole or in part by state dollars or any of the state's political subdivisions. The committee oversees retirement matters relating to state employees, state officials, school employees, teachers, other education personnel, judges, and higher education employees as well as certain other public employees such as police and firefighters.

In addition to his leadership responsibilities as chairman of the retirement committee, Sen. Peacock will also serve as a member of the agriculture, commerce and labor committees. Senate District 37 encompasses parts of Caddo and Bossier Parishes.